

REMARKS

The claims are claims 1, 2, 3, 5 to 9, 11, 18 and 20 to 34.

Claims 1, 8 and 11 have been amended. Claims 4, 10, 12 to 17 and 19 are canceled. New claims 20 to 34 are added. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of canceled claim 17. Claim 8 has been amended to include an omitted comma. Claim 11 has been amended to include the limitations of canceled claim 19. New claims 20 to 25 correspond to the subject matter of respective claims 2, 18, 3, 6, 7, 8 and 9 except dependent upon claim 11. New claim 27 recites the subject matter of prior claims 1 and 2. New claims 28 to 34 correspond to the subject matter of respective claims 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 18 except dependent upon claim 27.

This amendment differs from the not-entered response after final rejection filed July 15, 2004. Claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9 and 18 are now given the proper status identified "Previously Presented." New claims 20, 23 and 29 do not include any struck-through words. Claims 20 to 26 differ from their counterparts in the response after final rejection to provide proper antecedence.

Paragraph 23 of the FINAL REJECTION stated that claim 17 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form incorporating the limitations of its base claim. Amended claim 1 is of this scope and is accordingly allowable. Claims 2 and 18 are also allowable as noted in respective paragraphs 22 and 24 of the FINAL REJECTION. Claims 3 and 5 to 9 are allowable by dependency upon allowable claim 1.

Paragraph 25 of the FINAL REJECTION stated that claim 19 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form incorporating the limitations of its base claim. Amended claim 11 is of this scope and is accordingly allowable. Claims 20 and 21, corresponding to claims 2 and 18, are also allowable as noted in respective

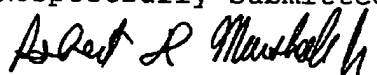
paragraphs 22 and 24 of the FINAL REJECTION. Claims 22 to 26 are allowable by dependency upon allowable claim 11.

Paragraph 22 of the FINAL REJECTION stated that claim 2 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form incorporating the limitations of its base claim. New claim 27 is of this scope and is accordingly allowable. Claims 28 to 33 are allowable by dependency upon allowable claim 27. Claim 34, reciting subject matter corresponding to claim 18, is allowable as noted in paragraph 24 of the FINAL REJECTION.

The Applicants respectfully submit that all the present claims are allowable for the reasons set forth above. Therefore early entry of this amendment, reconsideration and advance to issue are respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions or other correspondence regarding this application, Applicants request that the Examiner contact Applicants' attorney at the below listed telephone number and address to facilitate prosecution.

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